

<b>COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY</b> (Includes Reference to Provisional and International (PCT) Application )	Attorney's Docket No.
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
 I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST AND SOLE INVENTOR (IF ONLY ONE NAME IS LISTED BELOW) OR AN  
 ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (IF PLURAL NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER  
 WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION ENTITLED:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

The specification of which (check only one item below):

☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed as United States Patent Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 on \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
  
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I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION,  
 INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ALL INFORMATION  
 KNOWN TO ME TO BE MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY AS DEFINED IN TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL  
 REGULATIONS, Sec. 1.56 (as amended effective March 16, 1992);

I do not know and do not believe the said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our  
 invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more  
 than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more  
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 issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or  
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119 (a)-(e) of any foreign application(s) for patent  
 or inventor's certificate or of any International (PCT) Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States  
 of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT  
 International (PCT) Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the  
 same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications(s) or International (PCT) Application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed bebw and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or international filing date of this application:

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U.S. APPLICATIONS			STATUS (check one)		
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PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.					
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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